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Masahiro SAWAYANAGI, et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3612
In re Application of:	

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.